PROBING FOR LOST MONEY.

WHO SHALL PAY THE DEFUNCT COMMERCIAL BANK'S LOSSES?

Are Stockholders or Directors Liable !-Evidence that the Bank Was Insolvent Years Before It Falled, and that State Bank Superintendent Preston and President Leoney Knew This-Its Bad Paper

The matter of the defunct Commercial Bank of Brooklyn came up again yesterday before Herbert T. Ketcham, as referee, at his office, 16 Court street, and two witnesses were examined at to the condition of the bank for several years prior to its failure. The witnesses were L. F. Cabill, who was a State bank examiner in 1890 01-2, and N. A. Chapman, an expert acrountant, who examined the books of the bank for the depositors. The reference is the result of an application to the court by Receiver Dikeman for permission to sue the stockholders of the bank. This was opposed by Lawyer C. A. Haviland, acting for the Depositors' Associa tion, who contended that the directors should be sued on the ground of mismanagement, and the matter was referred to Mr. Ketcham to take testimony and make report to the court.

Mr. Cahill said that he was first in the bank in the summer of 1890, and that in his examination then made he found that the bank held a large quantity of past-due paper. The cashier, however, was so positive that the paper was good that Mr. Cahill allowed him an opporunity to make good his assertions, but he reselved to get the department to allow him to make another examination within a few months. This he did, and finding then, in December, 1890, that the condition of the bank was the same as at the previous examination, he reported to State Superintendent Prestor that the bank was insolvent.

in the following year he made another examtration and again reported the institution as insolvent. He believed that his report had said that the reserve of the bank was entirely exbausted.

The witness said that he had brought the matter to the attention of the President of the bank. seth Keeney, but he could not remember what he had said to the President. He remembered only that Mr. Keeney had said be could get \$100,000 in one hundred minutes and that as

only that Mr. Keeney had said he could get \$100,000 in one hundred minutes and that as long as he was in the bank he would protect it. The witness said he thought this talk with Mr. Keeney took place in 1891.

On cross-examination by Jesse Johnson, attorney for Mr. Keeney, the witness said that, as he remembered, there was no security for any of the past-due paper. A large amount of the liabilities lay in the Paul C. Grenning loan. The witness thought he should not have considered the bank solvent had he known there was \$80,000 good security for past-due paper, but he could not remember the amount of the impairment of capital reported by him.

Mr. Chapman testified that, according to the ledger of 1888, the account of G. L. Hassell showed an overdraft of \$2,905.62 when Hassell's deposits ceased, which was on Dec. 12, 1888. When the account of Dei Orme Knowlton was closed, on Dec. 3, 1888, there was a credit balance of \$1.46, as there had been, according to the books, since the June preceding. On Dec. 13 of that year the St. Kevin Mining Company's account showed a debit of \$36.101.38, and the \$1.46 of the Hassell account went into that account. The debit continued until Oct. 1, 1889, increasing meanwhile, and on that date the account was credited with \$93, \$99.92. The account in the mean time showed deposits and discounts, the amounts deposited being immediately withdrawn, leaving the balance there represented by notes. The account during this time showed no overdrafts, but Mr. Hassell himself had had on an average \$35,000 to \$40,000 in discounts.

Several accounts, he said, showed past-due paper carried as live assets, the aggregate being at the time the bank closed its doors \$200,000. The bank received deposits, the witness said, up to the time of the failure.

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Mr. Haviland said that he wanted to show that the bank officers covered up the condition of the bank officers covered up the condition of the bank by misstating balances, understating the amounts owed, and so to show that the directors were liable at law.

The witness said that his investigations had disclosed that there were a great many notes on which interest was not paid—some on which it never was paid—and that had those been charged to the profit and loss account the bank would have head no surplus at all, and its capital would have been impaired. This referred to the years from 1888 to 1893, and in that period the bank paid out in dividends a little more than twice as much as it made. There were notes continually renewed, with interest added, and these were not paid. There were memorandums here and there, as on Dec. 18, 1888, to the effect that no notes were thereafter to be discounted or renewed without the consent of the Hoard or the President or the Discount Committee, and that on notes renewed interest must be paid at the time of renewal.

The dividends for five years before the closing of the bank, Mr. Chapman said, were ostensibly declared out of the profits, but the profits were not there to meet them.

"Did the liabilities exceed three times the assets of the bank for some time before the failure?" asked Mr. Haviland.

"Yes."

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The loans to the directors, the witness said, ran to more than \$60,000, on an average, exceeding one-third of the capital stock.
On cross-examination by Mr. Johnson the witness said that he included the Grenning note, which, as he remembered, was to the amount of \$50,000 or \$100,000, in the total of notes overdue.

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The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday,
New 19, at 2 P. M. The hearing was adjourned until Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 2 P. M.
Mr. Haviland admitted to Mr. Johnson that the directors had undertaken the Grenning indebtedness by putting up money or paper, so Mr. Johnson will not be obliged to prove this. Mr. Haviland said after the hearing that he had possession of the minute book of the St. Kevin Mining Company, and would introduce testimony bearing on it at the next hearing. He said that Mr. Hasseil, the President of the company, had admitted that he turned over the whole stock of this company to the bank on Aug. 27, 1887, and Mr. Haviland said that the bank practically was carrying the company during the several following years.

BOUND TO RAISE THE WIND. Five Men Try to Hold Up a Street Car and

Then to Rob a Hotel. Sr. Louis, Oct. 29.-Five men attempted to hold up the Laclede avenue electric car and rob its passengers at 1 o'clock this morning. The men attempted to board the car on Chestnut street but after a severe fight the conductor, assisted by a number of passengers, knocked the fellows from the car, while the motorman turned the current on at full pressure and the car soon dis-

current on at full pressure and the car soon distanced the men.

A few minutes later the same gang entered the office of the Wabash Hotel at 102 North Seventh street, and, after knocking down the cierk, attempted to rife the safe and money drawers. The noise of the scuffle aroused the proprietor and guests, and a free-for-all fight ensited. Four of the assailants finally fied, and another, Michael Giarry, was captured. When the smoke of battle cleared away the wife of the hotel proprietor went in search of a policeman, while her husband sat on the captured criminal on the office floor.

De Leon and His Assembly Suspended.

Local Assembly 1,563 of the Knights of Labor has been suspended by the General Executive Board, as a result of the recent trials of De Leon and his local at the headquarters of District Assembly 49. Local Assembly 1,563, known as the Excelsior Labor Club, will hold a meeting to-night at 64 East Fourth street to meeting to-night at 64 East Fourth street to protest against the suspension. The Master Workman and the Secretary of the local had been suspended by Master Workman Brower of District Assembly 40 penaling a decision of the local's case, but this suspension was only a matter of form, as Brower is supposed to be friendly to be Leon.

An appeal against the suspension will be made to the General Assembly of the Knights. The suspension is likely to cause a split in the teneral Executive Board, as some of its members opposed it, but were outvoted.

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Dismissed Policemen Appeal.

Judge Barrett in the Supreme Court yesterday granted writs of certiorari to review the disnissal by the Police Commissioners of Policemen Jacob J. Kilbrick and Thomas J. Hagsett The men say they were dismissed on charges brought by Henry C. Conger, to the effect that the tound them in a saloon at the corner of Fortieth attect and Seventh avenue on Aug. 15. They say that they had picked up a boy who had been evercome by the heat and had carried him to the saloon, of which his father was the preprietor. They say they stayed there only long months to help the father bring the boy to, and that I onger is a City Vigilance League man, who makes a specialty of complaining against policemen.

Smokeless Powder Ready at Newport, NEWPORT, R. L. Oct. 29. The torpedo station authorities have notified the Navy Department that they have on hand enough smokeless powder for about 1,200 rounds of six-pounder and 2,000 rounds of one-pounder ammunition. The first lot of smokeless powder was loaded into aheia here, but it is no longer proposed to do this. Powder upon the order will be sent to the manufacturers of the shells. The ammunition is ultimately intended for the ships of the North Atlantic squarron. HELD SAYS HE'S INSANE.

Struck on the Head with a Ball Bat and Has Been Dishonest Ever Since, Many officials of savings and national banks were in the Lee Avenue Police Court, Williams burgh, yesterday, when Charles Held, Jr., who was arrested on Monday in the Dime Savings Bank, at Wythe avenue and Broadway, was arraigned. Ernst Rose, a grocer of 350 Nostrand avenue, accused Held of obtaining \$8.50 from him on a worthless check, and Lawyer D. S. Moulton of Clifton place charged the prisoner with giving him a bad check for \$50 as a retainer in a suit for damages which Held instituted against a South Brooklyn man. pleaded guilty to both charges, and said that he was unable to explain the transaction. Justice Gnetting committed him for one week in default of \$1,000 ball on each charge. When Held is arraigned again the police expect to have at

least twenty more complaints against him. Before he was taken to jail Held said that three years ago he was struck on the head with a baseball bat, and that since then he had engaged in dishonest transactions for which he should not be held responsible. Held added that at times he seemed to be demented. The police have been unable to find out where

Held lives, and he has refused to tell them.

Held is said to have gone to the College Point Hotel in College Point about six weeks ago, and inquired for Lawyer Grotz, v to has a desk in Justice Smyth's office there. He said his name was Charles Frank and that he had engaged Grotz to bring suitagainst a New York man. He said his wife had died on the previous day in Philadelphia, and as he could not draw money from the bank in time, he wanted to borrow enough to take him to Philadelphia. If he could see Lawyer Grotz he could get the money from him, but the lawyer was ont of town.

Before he left the hotel he borrowed \$20 from Charles Freygang, the proprietor, leaving as security a bank book purporting to show a deposit of \$3,000 in the Twelfth Ward Savings Bank in Harlem. He was to return in five days to repay the amount of tholoan. He did not do so and Mr. Freygang went to the Twelfth Ward Bank and found that Frank had no account there. Yesterday Mr. Freygang went to Hrooklyn and, it is said, identified Held as the man who had borrowed the money of him. inquired for Lawyer Grotz, who has a desk in

DURRANT'S TRIAL.

One More Speech and Then the Case Will Be Given to the Jury.

San Francisco, Oct. 29,-The mystery surrounding the letters to the Coroner from alleged witnesses for the defence attracted the largest crowd that has yet besieged the court where Durrant is on trial. The mob had to be driven back by the police before the Judge or jurors could gain admission. Gen. Dickinson closed his argument in the

morning. He made a plain, straightforward talk to the jury, calling attention to all the weak points in the evidence for the prosecution Dickinson indulged in no rhetoric, but he certainly made several good points. One of the best was the utter lack of evidence in regard to the time or the manner of Blanche Lamont's murder. From his own study of the case he deemed it impossible that a youth who weighe no more than Blanche Lamont could have strangled her and then carried her up the stairs. He believed two strong men engaged in the work. Another point was the unimpeached good character of the defendant. He said that if character was of any value then this was a case to demonstrate it. The prosecution had an opportunity on rebuttal to show any dark side of Durrant's life; anything that conflicted with the popular idea that he was a moral, studious young man of exemplary habits. But they had falled to bring any evidence against him.

Gen. Dickinson also urged the lack of motive and dwelt on the absurdity of supposing that a man who had committed such a crime would try to pawn one of the victim's rings when he had money in the bank.

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In the afternoon Eugene Deuprey was taken into court in a wheel chair. From this chair he delivered the closing speech for the defence, consuming an hour and a half. He simply dwelt on the salient points of the case. He demonstrated that all who had identified Durrant had been permitted to see him previously either in court or in jail.

The trial then went over to to-morrow, when no more than Blanche Lamont could have

been permitted to see him previously either in court or in jail. The trial then went over to to-morrow, when Mr. Barnes will close for the prosecution.

GREEN HAD TO PAY OR QUIT.

Two Paterson Silk Weavers Arrested, Accused of Blackmall,

PATERSON, Oct. 29.-George Holt and William Buckley, silk workers, were arrested to-day on a charge of blackmall preferred against them by Frederick Green. Last August, when there was a strike of the weavers in Frank & Dugan's silk mill, Green, who then worked in Dexter & Lambert's mill, was asked, among others, to subscribe to a fund for the support of the strikers, which he did, paying \$1. Several assessments were levied on the contributors later, but Green only paid the one.

A short time ago Green went to work in Frank & Dugan's mill. Shortly after he was waited on by a shop committee and told that he would have to pay \$25 for not paying his strike assessments, or eise quit work. If he refused, the men in the mill would go on strike. Green found out that Holt and Buckley were the men who had informed on him. He told the firm his story. He said he would quit work in order that they would not be inconvenienced by a strike. They advised him to seek legal advice. Recorder Stewart told him to apply for work at Frank & Dugan's again, and in case it was refused him to come back. Green applied for work, and, as was expected, he was refused. Recorder Stewart thereupon advised Green to make a complaint against Holt and Buckley for blackmall, and the warrants were issued this morning. & Dugan's mill. Shortly after he was waited and the warrants were issued this morning

MANNING MAKES FIGHT.

To Prove Ills Innocence in the Wortendyke Matter He Has Mr. Park Arrested. PARK RIDGE, N. J., Oct. 29.-William Park, the President of the Washington Township Building and Loan Association, was served with warrant issued by Justice Cummings this afternoon. He is accused of perjury by Robert Manning who was confined in the county fail at Hackensack several days last week on the accusation of Park that he was an accomplice of John J. Wortendyke and had recceived stolen money from him.

Wortendyke was the Secretary of the unilding association, and he is accused of having misapassociation, and he is accused of having misappropriated nearly \$600 of its funds. Manning,
when he was arrested, was found living in the
same house in Morristown with Mrs. Wortendyke. Manning was released on habeas corpus
proceedings. He protests his innocence, and
has taken this method of proving it.
It is said that more sensational arrests will be
made in the town in a few days. It is also
rumored that Wortendyke's relatives will make
good his defalcations with the association, and
that he will return home. It is said he is now
in New York.

Fell Bend of Heart Disease, Charles W. Seaman, 36 years old, a clerk in the employ of W. E. Lowe, insurance brokers at 58 William street, went to the office of W. S. Banta, also an insurance agent, late yesterday

Hanta, also an insurance agent, late yesterday afternoon to place some insurance.

While he stood talking to one of the clerks he suddenly fell to the floor. Dr. Henry H. Schweder, physician of the Mutual Life insurance Company, was called in, but Sauman was dead hefore he arrived. Dr. Schreeder said that death was probably due to heart trouble.

Seaman was unmarried, and lived with his parents at 00 Keap street, Brooklyn.

Lee A. Hervey's Second Trolley Accident, Lee A. Hervey, the young man whose back was injured in a trolley car accident in Newark on Monday, is still in a precarious condition and the doctors have not yet determined whether his back is broken or dislocated or merely strained. His arms seem to be paralyzed. Young Hervey was thrown from a trolley car last June, and has a suit penning against the Consolidated Traction Company for \$5,000 for injuries received then.

Typhoid Fever in Watertown. WATERTOWN, Oct. 29.-Fifty cases of typhoid fever are reported in this city, and several deaths from the disease have occurred. A similar end demic which occurred last spring was attrib uted to the water supply, which was contam-inated by fifth from other towns on Black River, where the disease had been provalent. This time several cases have been traced to bad milk. A dealer who had typhoid cases in his family washed his milk cans with water from a distern near the close!

Twelve Thousand Pounds of Pish at a Hant GREENPORT, Oct. 29 - Cassidy brothers of this place caught forty boxesor about 12,000 pounds of mackerel in their traps in the Sound, north of Arshamamogue, two and a half miles west of Greenport yesterday. The entire catch was ship ned to New York by hoat last night. This catch is the largest landed in these parts in a long time.

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REAL REASONS

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AND COMPANY. Two Stores: Broadway and Canal Street. Broadway below Chambers Street

NORTHERN PACIFIC RECEIVERS. Efforts to Reduce Their Number Likely to

Be Successful, Statements published during the last day or two that a compromise has been effected be-tween the Adams Northern Pacific Reorganizaion Committee and the officers of that corporation are misleading. The facts are that the policy of the Reorganization Committee has been not to interfere with the receivership while the officers of the corporation, in their effort to secure representation in the receiver-ship, are responsible for the present chaotic and complicated condition of affairs. With the view of keeping the expenses of managing the trust estate within reasonable limits, the Reor-ganization Committee has fevored the appointment of not more than three receivers, and these for the entire system. The committee has also taken the ground, on account of the adrances aggregating \$5,000,000 which it has made to the receivers upon their certificates,

to the interests that advance that money. Since the question of the appointment of a receiver by the United States Circuit Court for the Southern district of New York for the property of the Northern Pacific Company in that circuit came up efforts have been made to reduce the number of receivers to three, and to harmonize the differences between the Western circuit courts. As a step to accomplishing that result a number of names were submitted to the Reorganization Committee by certain parties in Reorganization Committee by certain parties in interest, with the understanding that the com-mittee would indicate one or more candidates whose appointment would not be opposed by them; in other words, would be agreeable. Among the names submitted was that of Presi-dent R. M. Galloway of the Merchants' National Bank, and as he appeared to be acceptable to all interests they have united in advocating his ap-pointment.

that the receivers should not be objectionable

interests they have united in advocating his appointment.

It is understood that if President Rolston of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, trustee of the second, third, and consolidated mortgages, is successful in his efforts to reconcile the Western courts upon three appeintees in the interest of the holders of the bonds secured by those mortgages. Mr. Galloway and Mr. Burleigh, who has been appointed receiver by the Circuit courts of Washington and Idaho, and one other, probably one of Judge Jenkins's appointees, will be the three receivers agreed upon by the various courts.

JOINT TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION.

Directors of the Pennsylvania System Take Favorable Action.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, the Northern Central Railway, the Pennsylvania Company, and the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway, at a meeting held here to-day, approved the general form of the proposed joint traffic agreement and authorized it to go into effect on their lines when it shall have been authorized by the other com-panies necessary to make it effective.

A meeting of the Presidents of the Trunk lines and their Western connections will be held to-day in the rooms of the Trunk Line Association to take final action on the new agreement, a complete synopsis of which has been printed in The Sun. Some apprehension has been printed as to the action of the directors of the Pennsylvania Raliroad, and a prominent railroad President said yesterday that the agreement would be put into effect if President Roberts of the Pennsylvania should be authorized to sign it.

Shortening the Time to Cultfornia.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29 .- A movement which promises to inaugurate a new era in California travel was set on foot by the Santa Fé this evening at 6 o'clock, in the beginning of a passenger service which will shorten the time to California points by a half day. A train will be run daily which will make the trip to southern California n three days and to San Francisco in three and in three days and to San Francisco in three and a half, beating previous records of transcontinental travel. The first train which started, filled to its capacity, consisted of a compariment car, two standard Pullman sleepers, chair car, dining car, and laggage car. The compartment car will be run once a week only. There are eight of these trains altogether, and they are equipped in the best style, being finished in mahogary throughout. From Kansas City the time will be about two days and a half. There is good authority for saying that the Southern Pacific will change its schedule and put on a train to offset this one.

The Reading Reorganization Plan.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29. The report that the plan for the reorganization of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad would shortly be anand Reading Railroad would shortly be an-nonneed was confirmed to-day by Samuel R. Shipley, who is a member of the sub-committee that drafted the plant. Mr. Shipley said: "Just when the plan will be promulgated I am unable to say. While all the details have practically been settled by the sub-committee, the last word has not been affixed, and the matter has yet to go before the full committee."

The St. Paul Earnings for September. CHICAGO, Oct. 29.-Earnings of the Chicago, filwaukee and St. Paul for September are highly satisfactory, the net gain for the month highly satisfactory, the nes gain for the month over last year amounting to \$339,757. The net increase for three months ending Sept. 30 amounts to \$895,393. At this rate of increase for the next nine months the St. Paul will make a better showing at the end of the fiscal year than it has been doing for some years.

The Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Sale. Cincago, Oct. 29.-Judge Allen of the United States Court at Springfield has again deferred action in the matter of confirmation of the sale of the property of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroad Company. The time for hear-ing exceptions to the master's report is now set for Nov. 9.

Here Is a Chance for Tramps.

Tramps in search of warm quarters and wholesome food for the three ensuing months can be accommodated by camping out in the neighborhood of Newark. Police Captain Daly has sormond of sewars. Police Captain half has announced his intention of arresting sil tramps found in Newars, and the Judges of the criminal courts are sentencing them to ninety days' imprisonment. Seven out of ten tramps caught during the night before around a bonfire near Freinightysen avenue were sentenced to the penitentiary yesterday. This makes twenty-two locked the within four days. Capt. Daly's men will make nightly raids.

Knocked from Bis Wheel by a Cable Car, Thomas Shane, a boy bleyclist, was knocked from his wheel by a cable car at Lexington ave nue and Sixty-eighth street yesterday while trying to cross the avenue immediately behind a The car would have run over his legs if he had not moved them out of the way of the wheels. He was cut over the right eye by contact with the car pintform, but in other respects was not injured. One of the women passengers bandaged the wound.

The Stewart House Changes Hands, Robert A. Stranaban, former proprietor of the eneser. Buffalo, and recently of the Tremont House, Boston, has purchased the furniture and taken a ten-year lease of the Stewar: House, Broadway and Forty-first atreet, and will take persession on Friday, Nov. 1. The transaction was may, through Matt. 2. Ward & Co., lotel Pitcher's Castoria. was may through Matt. J. Ward & Un.

THE TRIAL OF DETECTIVE DEUTSCI', THE ALLEGED CULPRIT

Witnesses Familiar with the Prisoner's Handwriting Identify as His the Threatening Letter Nest to the Commodore of the New York Yacht Cinb. The trial of John H. Deutsch, a private detective, who was arrested several months ago for sending a threatening letter through the mail to Commodore Edward M. Brown of the New York Yacht Club, was resumed before Judge Brown in the United States Circuit Court yesterday. At Monday's session a jury had been secured. The trial, it will be remembered, grew out of the relations of the Commodore's son, Clarence Eugene Brown, with Fannie Ward, an actress. Brown first met Miss Ward in Deember, 1891, when she was playing in the "Cinderelia" company. They soon became very friendly, and after a time went to live at the Hotel Oriental, where they registered as "Clarence F. Brown and wife." Finally young Brown, becoming suspicious of Miss Ward's sentiments toward him, hired Deutsch to watch her. Then the two parted, and Brown, confessing his escapade to his father, was packed off to California.

Subsequently Miss Ward and her mother, Mrs. Buchanan, threatened to bring suit against the young man for \$100,000 for seduction and breach of promise. As Commodore Brown paid no attention to the threat Miss Ward offered to settle the matter for \$5,000. This offer was also declined by Mr. Brown. Shortly afterward threatening letters began to pour in on the Commodore, and one of these, signed "Yokel Yohoe," and bearing a red ink spot marked "blood," is the foundation of the case on trial before Judge Brown yesterday. The letter declared that unless Miss Ward's claim was naid before July 11, 1804, the Commodore would lose his life, Mr. Brown instituted an investigation which resulted in the arrest of Detective Deutsch. His indictment for sending threatening and obscene letters through the mail followed. When the trial opened yesterday Commodore Brown and his son occupied seats inside the railing, and there was a large gathering of persons anxious to hear the testimony. After Post Office employees had testified that the "Yohoe" letter was mailed from Station E. Seventh avenue and Twenty-eighth street, on June 1, 1864, Commodore Brown was then called to the stand. He testified to receiving the letter, which he handed to his lawyer, Mr. Bird.
Clarence E. Brown was the next witness, He said that he had formerly employed Deutsch and was familiar with the defendent's handwriting. He identified the writing in the letter as that of Deutsch. He had employed Deutsch to watch Fannie Ward, beginning on May, 1893, and at the time his father received the letter she was causing him a great deal of trouble.

Philip Carpenter and Thomas Rawlinson, who had also employed Deutsch, identified the letter as his handwriting.

John H. Bird, legal advisor for the Browns, who said that on the day of Deutsch's arrest he had summoned him to his office and accused him of writing the letter to Mr. Brown. Deutsch replied that it would have been impossible for him to have writine such a letter. He added that some one had been imitating his handwriting. Mr. Bird was the last witness for the prosecution. For the defence Lawyer Louis J. Grant told the jury that his client was a victim of persecution, and that Deutsch would take the foundation of the case on trial before Judge Brown yesterday. The letter declared that un-

writing. Mr. Bird was the last witness for the prosecution. For the defence Lawyer Louis J. Grant told the jury that his client was a victim of persecution, and that Deutsch would take the witness stand and prove his innocence. He then introduced a number of witnesses who testified to his client's good character. Among those called were inspector-General Frederick C. McLewee, N. G., S. N. Y., and John Gerken of I West Ninety-fifth street. They said that they had known beutsch for years and that his reputation had always been of the best. The prosecuting attorney asked Mr. McLewee if he had ever been associated with a notorious woman named associated with a notorious woman named Maroon. Mr. trant's objection to the question was sustained by Judge Brown, but the witness answered with some warmth that he only knew about the woman by reputation—as the presecuting attorney probably did. Deutsch will be the principal witness in the trial this morning.

PALMER IS THE COMPANY.

On Trial in Jersey City for Issuing Fraudulent Insurance Policies,

John R. Paimer, who is charged with conducting a fraudulent insurance concern, was on trial in the General Sessions Court in Jersey City yesterday. He had a large number of certificates which represented him as agent of the Provident Aid Casualty and Rellef Association, with an office in the Weldon building, 76 Montgomery street. Each certificate insured the holder for \$1,000 in case of death and \$10 a

Palmer was doing a thriving business until Mrs. Johanna Grubb went to look for his office hast June to collect \$10 a week on a policy she had taken out on her husband. Her husband had met with an accident. Mr. Grubb was unable to find Paimer or his office, and she notified the police. Beleetive Holte found Paimer at a house it. Lafayette, where he was collecting the premium or another insurance policy.

Paimer said vesterday that he lived in this city, and that his company did have offices at 76 Montgomers effect, dersey City, and 800 irroad street, Newark. He said the office in Newark was the bome office. He admitted last June to collect \$10 a week on a policy she

broad street, Newark. He said the office in Newark was the home office. He admitted under cross-examination that he was the entire company. He said he did have two other men associated with him when the company was organized, but they resigned. Under the constitution of the company Palmer was authorized to fill the vacancies, but he had not filled them, and at present he is the President, Secretary. Treasurer, and Board of Directors.

He gave up his offices at the end of a month and made arrangements to have his mail sent to the house of Mrs. Benedict, a type writer, at I Mechanic street, Newark. He afterward took an office at Amera Hall, 48 William street, Newark. He said he had insured 282 people, but all but twenty of them had been suspended because they failed to pay the premiums. The insurance of the twenty members amonts to \$7,000.

"In case all of them were to die," said Assistant Prosecutor Noonan, "how would you pay the insurance?"
"I don't know," answered Palmer,
He also said that the assets of the company consist of a chair, a desk, and two cuspidors.
Mr. Noonan asked him if the company had ever paid a death claim. He said it had paid one to Pocahontas Thompson, a "female negress," of 64 Railroad avenue. That address is an iron foundry. an iron foundry.

Palmer had no witnesses in court. He said that Clerk Purtell had not given him any sub-penas. Judge Hudspeth directed the clerk to give him all the subportas he wanted, and then he adjourned the case until to-day.

KILLED HIMSELF WITH GAS. An Invalld Preferred Beath to Going to a

Hospital. Charles Walthers, a confectioner of 402 East Ninth street, became ill of an incurable disease several months ago. While the little hoard of money which he had saved lasted his wife stayed at home and took care of him, but soon stayed at home and took care of him, but soon the money was gone and Mrs. Waithers was obliged to go out to work.

As Waithers was unable to care for himself, the neighbors suggested that he be sent to Bellevue Hospital. He resented the suggestion, and said he would die before he would go to a public institution. On Monday night he went to the little room where he siept alone, and after stuffing the keyhole and the cracks of the door and window with scraps of paper he torned on the gas and lay down on the bed. At the clock yesterday morning his wife found him there, dead.

Fled from the Asylum and Drowned Herself. POUGHKEEPSIE, Oct. 29.-The body of a roman, which was found in the Hudson River near Milton, yesterday, was identified to-day as that of Mrs. Jane Norton of Rensselar county, for some time an inmate of the Hudson River State Hospital for the Insane, Sho excaped from the hospital attendants and drowned herself.

Enocked Senseless with an One.

John Freel of 714 Garffeld avenue, Jersey City, is likely to die of injuries received on Sunday. Freel and Robert Rospach, 16 years old, who rrest and those thought to years out, was manages a boat which conveys workmen to the Griffing Iron Works, on the other side of the canal, had a dispute about one of Freel's boats which Houparh found adrift. Freel accused Rouparh of trying in steal the boat. Houparh denied the accusation, and he says that Freel struck him with an oar. Houparh retailated and knocked Freel senseless with an oar. His skull was broken. Rouparh was arrested.

Steam Pilot Honts Next.

The Pilot Commissioners yesterday formally endorsed the proposition of the New York pilots to substitute a steamer to be used as a station boat for two of the seven Sandy Hoog sail boats. It is likely that only steam craft will be em-ployed in cruising before the end of another

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WIDOW O'CONNOR'S SUIT.

She Wants \$10,000 Damages Because Mr Gilman Didn't Marry Her, Mrs. Hopewell O'Connor, a widow of 111 Livingston street, has begun a suit in the City Court in Brooklyn against Theophilus Gilman of 18 Sidney place for \$10,000 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage. She says in her complaint that Mr. Gilman asked her t marry him in September, and when she gave her consent that he induced her to give up her place as a clerk in a dry goods store at \$15 a

week.

It was only a few days before the time set for the marriage that he notified her of his change of heart. Mrs. Hopewell has a seventeen-year-old son, who was at first opposed to the proposed marriage, but finally conformed to his mother's wishes in the matter. The defendant is closely identified with a big tea company, and is said to be rich. It is understood that he became acquainted with the widow in a Bridge street boarding house, and that he denies the engagement.

Brooklyn's Appeals to the State Board of Bealth.

The State Board of Health met at the Murray Hill Hotel yesterday. The Committee on Tu berculosis reported that a systematic inspection of milch cows would lead not only to a saving of State funds, but would decrease infant mor-

A communication was received from the Citizen's Association of the Eastern District of Brooklyn, complaining of the stenches from the factories on Newtown Creek, and at the sugges-tion of Commissioner Fowler's thorough inves-tigation of the whole matter will be made, and it was inid over for further consideration. Health Commissioner Emery of Brooklyn and Health Commissioner Emery of Brooklyn and a number of property owners in Jamaica, L. I., opposed the proposed plan of sewerage for that village. Mr. Emery said that the sewers, which it is designed shall empty into creeks leading to Baiseley's pond and thence to Jamaica Bay, would destroy a source of Brooklyn's water supply which now furnished 16,000,000 gallons a day. The matter was referred to the Committee on Drainage, they to make examination and report at a meeting of the Board, to be held in Jamaica at an early day.

Mrs. McCord Set Free.

Mrs. Katie McCord, who was charged with tabbing her husband with a hatpin while he was dancing with another woman at a ball, was again arraigned before Magistrate Brann in the Yorkville Court yesterday afternoon. The husband, who has almost recovered from the alleged assault, did not appear to press the complaint, and she was discharged.

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